



# Bits & Pieces

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Unit 28 of the Washington State School Retirees' Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Save the Date! Our next TCSRA luncheon meeting is on Friday, May 18, 2018. The Punch Bowl starts at 11:30 AM, and the meeting is from noon until 1:30 PM. We hope that you will join us.

We will have a Celebration of Life honoring our departed members. As you know, it is hard to lose some of our dearest friends. However, that is the natural path of life, especially in a retiree organization such as ours.

We are making ready for the upcoming year. The new unit budget will be discussed and is scheduled for action. **Linda Averill**, WSSRA President-elect, will attend our meeting and will install the TCSRA officers for 2018-2019.

This has been a year of accomplishments. TCSRA worked in partnership with WSSRA to achieve significant legislative successes this year. Beginning July 1, 2018, Plan 1 TRS and PERS retirees will receive an increase of 1.5% of the first \$50,000 of their pensions up to \$750 per year. Also, the PEBB Medicare Eligible Healthcare Benefit will increase from \$150 to \$168 per month on January 1, 2019, for all school retirees who participate in the plan.

TCSRA bylaws have been revised and updated, and unit job descriptions have been rewritten. These changes set the foundation for our future success.

This meeting will conclude my service as your unit president this year. I want to thank all of you for your encouragement and support. This has been a wonderful experience for me and for my wife, Diane. We have truly enjoyed our time with you.

I'd also like to give a special thank you to our Executive Board members. They work "above and beyond" to answer the call, when needed, to advance the goals and interests of TCSRA.

*Ed Gonion, TCSRA President*

## MEET WSSRA'S NEXT PRESIDENT

Our last luncheon meeting of the year will be on Friday, May 18. WSSRA President-elect **Linda Averill** will officiate in the installation of TCSRA's new officers for next year and will speak to us about her plans for her term as WSSRA president.



Linda is a graduate of Everett High School and Everett Junior College. She earned her Bachelor of Education and K-12 Teaching Certificate from Seattle University, her 5<sup>th</sup> year from the University of Washington, her Master's Degree and Administrative Credentials from Western Washington University, and her PhD from Nova University in Florida.

Linda lives in Marysville and is active in the Sno-Isle School Retirees' Association. She has been president of her unit and has served on several committees. She's been NW-1 Coordinating Council President and has served on the WSSRA Outreach Committee.

This meeting is also the time for us to light a candle and celebrate the lives of those who are no longer in our midst. **ZiNita Carrell** will lead us, and **Nancy Baldwin** has agreed to play the piano during this remembrance.

Please join us for this final meeting of the year. Lunch will be served at noon but please come at 11:30 to enjoy a glass of punch and time to greet old and new friends. See you there to say *au revoir* for the summer.

*Dolores (Miki) Moench, Vice President & Program Chair*

[For complete reservation information, please call Sharon Dennis, 360-438-5351.]

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

**Punchbowl at 11:30—Luncheon at Noon**

**Seventeen51 Restaurant & Bistro**  
(Panorama's Main Dining Room)

**Menu:** Roasted beet & feta salad with bread sticks  
Chicken Marsala, wild rice, and peas & carrots

**Dessert:** Carrot cake

(\$15 includes tax and gratuity)

